to 15 percent in the budget proposals for 1993-94. The duty has now been brought down from 15 percent to 12.5 percent.

Capital Restructuring of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

2133. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have so far taken any decision regarding the Capital restructuring of the Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), the holding company of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) what are the details of the capital restructuring formula;

(c) whether it is a fact that inordinate delay on the part of Government has pushed the cost of Plant several times and loans kept on mounting to unmanageable levels, indicating the amount of non-Government loans taken from various financial institutions as on 1st April, 1992; and

(d) by when the plant is expected to be fully revived ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) and (b) The proposal of Restructuring the Capital Base of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited is still under consideration of the Government.

(c) The delay in completion and commissioning of Visakhapatnam Steel Project for various reasons has resulted in the cost over-runs of the Project. Due to non-availability of full budgetary support, funds were mobilised by way of raising loans from financial institutions, Banks, other Public Sector Undertakings and Public Bonds. The loans outstanding from these sources as on 1st April, 1992 were of the order of Rs. 1663 crores.

(d) Visakhapatnam Steel Plant is expected to achieve full capacity utilisation by 1996-97 and earn a net profit from the year 1997-98.

Production Cost of Steel in Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant

2134. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the cost of production of different categories of steel produced at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant;

(b) what are the corresponding figures in other units of the country; and

(c) what steps are being taken to, reduce cost of production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) : (a) to (c) It will not be in the commercial interest of the companies to disclose their cost of production Some units of Stage-II of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) were commissioned last year and are still in the process of stabilisation. With a view to improving production and a gradual build up of capacity utilisation, VSP management has taken steps with the help of foreign specialists to remove the bottlenecks.

As the Plant achieves higher production levels and batter techno-economic parameters, the cost of production will further come down.

भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड के पास वायुयान

2135. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या इस्पात मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लिमिटेड के पास कितने वायुयान हैं और इनकी कीमत क्या है; और

(ख) क्या इन वायुयानों पर किसी गैर-सरकारी व्यक्ति को प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने की कोई व्यवस्था है; यदि हां, तो अब तक किन-

किन व्यक्तियों को प्रशिक्षण दिया गया है और सरकार द्वारा ऐसे प्रशिक्षण पर कितनी राशि खर्च की गई है ?

इस्पात मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सन्तोष मोहन देव) :

(क) स्टील अथॉरिटी आफ इण्डिया लिमिटेड के पास 6 वायुयान हैं इनका ब्यौरा निम्नानुसार है :—

क्र. सं.	स्टेशन-स्थान	वायुयान की किस्म	मूल लागत
1.	लोहा और इस्पात अनुसंधान एवं विकास केन्द्र, "सेल", रांची	(1) क्वीन एयर-65	11,72,171.38
		(2) ट्विन बोनान्जा डी 50 ई	4,39,478.59
2.	इस्को, बर्नपुर	(1) क्वीन एयर	9,18,262.04
		(2) ट्विन बोनान्जा	6,46,781.84
3.	भिलाई	किंग एयर एफ-90	2,80,10,366.0
4.	बोकारो	सुपरकिंग एयर-बी-200	3.9 करोड़ (लगभग)

(ख) "सेल" ने सूचित किया है कि इन वायुयानों पर गैर-सरकारी व्यक्तियों को प्रशिक्षण देने का कोई प्रावधान नहीं है। श्री एस.बी. सिंह, जिसके पास प्राइवेट पायलट लाइसेंस था, ने बोकारो स्टील संयंत्र का वायुयान, वायुयान उड़ाने की अनुमति के लिए आवेदन करने के बाद कुछ घंटे (9 घंटे 55 मिनट) निगरानी में उड़ाया था। बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र द्वारा 'सेल' निगमित कार्यालय को किया गया अनुरोध स्वीकार नहीं किया गया था। अतः बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र द्वारा प्रणोदन की लागत के रूप में श्री एस.बी. सिंह से 21,600/- रु. वसूल किए गए थे।

Cases of Corruption and Irregularities in Steel Companies/Undertakings

2136. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases of corruption and charges of irregularities have been found against some senior officers of different companies/Undertakings till 30th April, 1993 under his Ministry;

(b) whether it is a fact that the number of cases have been on increase compared to previous three years;

(c) whether Government have found out ways to deal with cases of corruption expeditiously; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (d) The Vigilance Unit in the Ministry of Steel deals with the vigilance cases of only the Board-level officers of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). There has been no case in which the Ministry was required to proceed against any Board level officer of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) on charges of corruption/irregularities during the last three years and upto 30th April, 1993. Action on cases against below Board-level officials, where necessary, is taken by the PSUs themselves, as per the existing procedure.

इस्पात की उत्पादन लागत

2137. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज** :

श्री राम जेठमलानी : क्या **इस्पात मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हमारे देश में इस्पात की उत्पादन लागत अन्य देशों की तुलना में अधिक है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या हम पिछले चार दशकों के दौरान इस्पात के उत्पादन में अपेक्षित वृद्धि नहीं कर पाए हैं, क्योंकि अंतर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में इस्पात के मूल्य की तुलना में हमारा इस्पात महंगा होता है;